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Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/579,033 ; § 371 Date: January 22, 2007
For: **Silylated Carboxamides**
Inventors: Dunkel *et al.*
Our Ref: 2400.0330000/VLC/CMB/BAH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension fee for response within first month;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

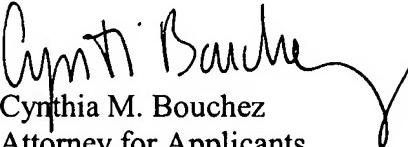
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